

Filbert Production



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1988 FILBERT CROP DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

Filbert production in Oregon and Washington is estimated at 18,000 tons this year, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This level would be 17 percent below 1987 but the fourth largest crop of record. The Oregon crop is expected to total 17,700 tons, and Washington growers will harvest 300 tons in 1988.

Filbert trees were affected by a very dry fall and winter, resulting in unfavorable pollination conditions. Nut set was lighter than in 1987; however, nut size and weight are above 1987 averages. Although not widespread, evidence of brown stain has been more common this year than last. The development of the 1988 crop is later than normal, and there is concern over hot, dry weather restricting full development of kernels in some orchards. The number of bearing trees continues to increase overall. A number of orchards, however, have been removed or severely pruned back in an effort to control the Eastern Filbert Blight.

FILBERTS

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL		IND 1988
	1986	1987	
TONS (IN-SHELL BASIS)			
OREG	14,900	21,500	17,700
WASH	200	300	300
U S	15,100	21,800	18,000

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